

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Tajikistan
Program Title:	Cross-Cutting Programs
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	119-0420
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$1,884,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$2,814,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,308,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2006

Summary: This cross-cutting program supports all of USAID's strategic objectives, and includes three main components: training and exchanges to support USAID's technical assistance programs in areas directly relevant to primary health care and the transition to democracy and a free-market economy; sub-grants to the Eurasia Foundation to strengthen NGOs working in private enterprise development, civil society, public policy, and media; and program development support for cross-cutting evaluations, studies, technical assistance, and management support.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Participant Training (\$964,533 FSA). More than 2,000 participants will be trained through participant training projects in Tajikistan during FY 2003. Training programs will support USAID's technical assistance in the areas relevant to fiscal and tax reform, small and medium enterprise (SME) development, local governance, health-care reform, energy and water resources, conflict resolution, education reform, and various cross-cutting objectives. Principal contractor/grantee: Academy for Educational Development.

Conflict Prevention (\$1,973,000 FSA carryover): Conflict prevention activities will expand to 171 communities in Khatlon Province and Rasht Valley. USAID will focus on coordination with other partners to address issues of unemployment, targeting businesses whose growth will serve the entire target community. The USAID program will: more directly discuss and address issues of conflict in communities; place a greater emphasis on social projects and activities to be done in conjunction with infrastructure projects; and make a greater effort to involve women and youth. Principal contractors/grantees: Mercy Corps, the United Nations Development Program, and the Aga Khan Foundation.

Education (\$764,316 FSA carryover). USAID will support the further dissemination of teacher training programs, strengthen partnerships between schools and community, and provide school administrators and local-level education authorities with training in school management to increase transparency and accountability. Education pilots begun during the initial stage of the project will be analyzed and considered for scaling up. A mid-term assessment will help guide the final year of program implementation and identify areas of focus for a modest follow-on that will complement other donor activity. Principal contractors/grantees: Academy for Educational Development (prime) and Aga Khan Foundation (prime).

Eurasia Foundation (\$500,000 FSA). Eurasia Foundation grants will strengthen local NGOs involved in civil society strengthening, private enterprise development, public administration, and media. The Eurasia Foundation will expand its Ferghana Valley Initiative to provide targeted grants to increase dialogue and cross-border linkages in this conflict-prone region. Principal contractor/grantee: Eurasia Foundation.

Program Support (\$419,467 FSA, \$76,399 FSA carryover). Program and personnel support activities will support unanticipated opportunities to advance or reinforce USAID objectives.

FY 2005 Program:

Participant Training (\$600,000 FSA). USAID plans to extend the agreement for the participant training activity in 2005. Based on a 10-year evaluation that was conducted in FY 2003 and an intensive review with past participants, USAID will examine how the program can be re-designed for increased sector impact. Principal contractor/grantee: same as above.

Eurasia Foundation (\$312,500 FSA). The Eurasia Foundation will continue to provide grants on an open-door basis to NGOs in Tajikistan working in the sectors of private enterprise, civil society, and public and policy administration. Principal contractor/grantee: same as above.

Program Support (\$395,000 FSA). Program and personnel support activities will support unanticipated opportunities to advance or reinforce USAID objectives. Assessments for continuation of the current strategy are planned for funding.

Performance and Results: In FY 2003, USAID trained over 2300 Tajikistani citizens (approximately 40% of who were women) in the areas of judicial and legal reform, NGO development and strengthening, civil society, mass media, gender issues (with a special emphasis on micro-lending and business education), and primary health care.

The director of the NGO Avesto used the skills and knowledge attained during a Hungarian study tour on health promotion and marketing to establish the Family Doctor Dispensary medical center in Dushanbe. With financial support from the Embassy of Japan, the center was constructed in the suburbs of Dushanbe and opened in December 2002. To date, the center has treated over 1,008 patients and will serve approximately 5,000 people in Gulbuta District.

As a result of training related to the International Classification of Diseases System, Version 10 (ICD-10) for specialists and doctors, 143 representatives of 134 medical institutions implemented the ICD-10 system in their institutions.

With assistance from a local women's committee, following a series of SME development seminars in the Rasht Valley, over 20% of the participants succeeded in leasing land (1-5 hectares each) and, as a result, have already sown wheat and potatoes. Additionally, in Rasht Rayon, participants of the same seminar series created Marifat, a local organization, which through funding from the Participant Training Program and Mercy Corps, has developed spin-off trainings related to civil rights and SME development. In total, Marifat has conducted its seminars in 11 small communities of Rasht Rayon for approximately 165 women.

In Tajikistan, the Eurasia Foundation awarded 23 grants to Tajikistani NGOs in FY 2003, focusing on private enterprise development and target improvements in the areas of civil society and public policy and administration. Through the Ferghana Valley Initiative, aimed at forging cross-border connections in this politically-sensitive region, the Eurasia Foundation awarded six grants in Tajikistan in the areas of mass media development, cross-border trade, and legal and civil rights defense.

Additionally, in an attempt to reduce tension along the Afghan border, the Eurasia Foundation concentrated agricultural-support grants in the impoverished border oblasts of Gorno-Badakhshan and Khatlon. One grant provided livestock training to 20 yak farmers and consultations to 250 more in the second-highest village in the world and another taught 160 farmers how to process fruit and vegetables. Furthermore, in the Ferghana Valley, the Eurasia Foundation provided a grant to the San-Francisco-based Bay Area Council for Jewish Rescue and Renewal to combat extremism through first-responder training aimed at promoting tolerance. First responder participants included policemen and teachers.